

## BARRE HORSES IN FINISHES

### Took Money at Washington Fair Grounds

### AN ATTENDANCE OF 3,000

Williamstown Defeated East Barre in a Rattling Good Game by the Score of 5 to 2—The Other Attractions.

Yesterday, the second day of the Washington Agricultural association's fifteenth annual fair, was a record breaker for attendance for that small but popular exhibition. People began coming early in the morning and continued until two o'clock, when there were nearly 3,000 on the grounds.

The entire list of the fair's attractions are fully up to the usual standard. Floral hall has its usual excellent exhibit of needle work and prize vegetables, as well as canned fruit and burnt wood work. On one side of the hall is a booth conducted by the Barre Shoe company. Considerable attention was shown in floral hall to a three months old fawn which was on exhibition. This miniature deer was captured several weeks ago by George Trombley, who found it alone and helpless in its field.

Yesterday's program opened at 10 o'clock with a grand cavalcade of prize winning stock and decorated floats and wagons marched around the track, led by the Plainfield band of 25 pieces, C. D. Perry, leader. Washington grange was the winner of the first prize for floats for a wagon handsomely decorated and drawn by 14 pairs of horses owned by Jere Dalmier. The Birthday Social club was the winner of the second prize with a float drawn by five pairs of oxen.

There was a rattling good base ball game between the Williamstown and East Barre teams. In this game the Williamstown players were the victors, defeating the East Barre team with a 5 to 2 score. Williamstown was too strong for East Barre throughout and when the latter went to bat in the ninth it was with a goose egg for a score, but a rally netted two runs. The battery for Williamstown was Jacobs and LaSalle, for East Barre Roark and Taplin, umpire, Garwell.

There were three races during the afternoon, a hitch-up race, 2:27 class and the green race. The results of the races follow:

**Hitch-up Race.**  
Purse, \$10.  
Dr. Sander, D. J. Murray ..... 1  
Harry Kent, M. W. Hiland ..... 2  
Dan, Joseph Lascor ..... 3  
In this race the drivers had to hitch their horses to their wagons and then walk them a half mile and trot to the finish.

**2:27 Class.**  
Purse, \$50.  
Conway, F. A. Slayton, Barre ..... 1  
Ledy, G. W. Wood, Barre ..... 2  
Time, 2:29 1/4, 2:30, 2:31 1/4.

**Green Race.**  
Purse, \$25.  
Frank, M. J. McLeod, Washington 1  
Silver Tip, Slayton, Barre ..... 2  
Millie B., Wood, Barre ..... 3  
Time, 3:00, 2:59 1/4, 2:59.

C. H. Sawyer of Barre acted as starting judge and the timing judges were H. C. Leonard and John Tove of Barre and W. E. Worthington of Washington. There were the usual number of fakirs on the grounds, attracting more or less attention by their catch penny schemes.

### ORADELL WAS SECOND.

In 2:18 Pace at the Barton Fair Yesterday.

Barton, Sept. 9.—The weather conditions of the first visitors' day of the Orleans county fair being perfect, 7,000 people were present to witness the events. The entries are large in nearly every department and are considered extra good, there being 911 fowls in the poultry show. The ball game between Lyndonville and Barton was rather loosely played and resulted in an easy victory for Barton. The scores:

**Innings** ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R H E  
Lyndonville ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 7 3  
Barton ..... 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—4 4 0

The races were exciting, five hotly contested heats being necessary to decide the 2:18 stake pace.

**2:18 Pace.**

Purse, \$500.  
John, by Island Wilkes, Jr., Newport Stock Farm ..... 2 1 5 1 1  
Orade, by Alcione, Lewis ..... 1 2 2 3  
M. Seaver, Williamstown 1 2 2 3  
Candy Girl, by Alcione, Lewis ..... 4 1 1 3 2  
Leamy, Gardner, Mass. .... 4 1 1 3 2  
Pictoria Boy and Outcast also started.  
2:40 Pace and 2:35 Trot.

Purse, \$250.  
Mona Maid, chm, L. A. Bean, Brookline, Mass. .... 1 1 1  
Madge Bradley, by Chehalis, Frank Holbrook, Newport ..... 2 2 2  
O. N. Wilkes, by, by Oline, J. T. Wait, Boston ..... 3 2 3  
Lady Roxie, by, Clammore, Edmond Duff, West Charleston, dis

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## Dyspeptics

### FAIR AT WOODSTOCK.

Cattle and Poultry Exhibits Are the Best in Years.

Woodstock, Sept. 9.—The second day of the Windsor county fair held here yesterday drew a crowd of about 7,000 people, and the attractions in general were of the kind that makes a successful exhibition. The entries in the various departments are many, and the cattle and poultry shows are the best in years. There were two races run off yesterday, the first being the contest for horses between the ages of 4 and 6 years and the other the 2:29 class. The results of the races are as follows:

**Young Horses' Race.**  
Woodstock ..... 2 2 1 1 1  
Clay, C. R. Hathorn, Woodstock ..... 1 1 3 3 3  
Lady Grey, C. E. Cady, Barnard ..... 3 3 2 2 2  
Time, 2:44, 2:38 1/4, 2:40, 2:41, 2:40.  
**2:29 Class, Trot or Pace.**  
Winona C. Arthur, Woodrow, White River Junction ..... 3 1 1 1  
Hal Cander, Hugh Lyman, Tunbridge ..... 1 2 2 2  
Lady Laurel, P. E. Jarvis, Windsor ..... 2 3 3 3  
Time, 2:25, 2:25 1/4, 2:25 1/2, 2:25 3/4.

### FAVORITES WON.

Both Events on Track at Hartford, Ct., Yesterday.

Hartford, Ct., Sept. 9.—Only two horses started in the 2:09 pace and the same number in the free for all pace yesterday. Favorites won both events. Rumors will have possession of the track for the next three days.

**2:09 Pace.**  
Ella Embulator, by, by Ambulator, Murphy ..... 2 1 1 1  
King Cole, by, by Ambulator, Murphy ..... 1 2 2 2  
Time, 2:09 1/4, 2:09, 2:07 3/4, 2:09 1/2.

**2:10 Trot.**  
Carroll, Shank ..... 1 1  
Demarest, Geers ..... 2 4  
Inner Guard, Murphy ..... 4 2  
Raffles, Burgess ..... 3 3  
Wilkinson, Lasell ..... 5 5  
Time, 2:10 1/4, 2:09 1/2.

Crosier's Ward M. also started. Free for All Pace.  
The Ed. McEwen ..... 1 1  
Alison Wilson, Hyde ..... 2 2  
Time, 2:03 1/2, 2:03 1/4.

### A HURRY-UP GAME.

Italian A. C. Ball Team Surprised by Visit of Morrisville Team.

The Italian Athletic club base ball team played a hurry-up game at the Berlin street grounds yesterday afternoon with the West Hill team from Morrisville. The Morrisville team arrived yesterday noon, much to the surprise of Manager Gabeloni, who supposed that the game had been cancelled as he had written a letter to the team several days ago calling the game off, but this letter failed to reach the West Hill manager.

As soon as the team arrived, however, the I. A. C. manager got busy and had some flyers printed announcing the game for 4:30 o'clock, but it was nearly five before the game started. The I. A. C. had to pick up a team, as several of their regular players were out of town, but they succeeded in getting a team plenty fast enough for the visitors and some to spare, as the game ended at the close of the sixth inning with the score 12 to 0 in the Italians' favor. The contest had to be called on account of darkness.

The West Hill boys' pitcher made a good showing, but he was given no support at all. The rest of the team seemed unable to catch or stop a ball. Though the visitors got five hits off Hemen, they were scattered and they got around as far as third base but once in the game. The score by innings:

**Innings** ..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R H E  
I. A. C. .... 3 1 0 3 0 5—12 6 3  
West Hill ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0—5 12

Batteries: Henson and Nicora; Foss and Brown.

**Yesterday's National League Scores.**  
At Boston. (first game) Philadelphia 6, Boston 2; batteries, Coveleski and Dool; More, Mattern and Shaw; (second game) Philadelphia 5, Boston 3; batteries, Corridon and Dool; Ferguson and Graham.

At New York. (first game) New York 7, Brooklyn 6; batteries, Witte, Ames and Myers; McIntyre and Berger; (second game) Brooklyn 6, New York 3; batteries, Hunter, Bell and Marshall; Ames and Schell.

At Pittsburgh. Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 2; batteries, Brown and Archer; Cannitz and Gibson.

**National League Standing.**

**Pittsburgh** ..... Won. Lost. Pct.  
Chicago ..... 85 41 675  
New York ..... 75 49 605  
Cincinnati ..... 65 60 520  
Philadelphia ..... 62 67 481  
St. Louis ..... 47 77 379  
Brooklyn ..... 45 81 359  
Boston ..... 34 92 269

**Yesterday's American League Scores.**  
At Washington. Boston 6, Washington 2; batteries, Hall and Donahue, Smith, Reising and Street.

At St. Louis. Chicago 4, St. Louis 2; batteries, Walsh and Payne; Powell and Stevens.

At Detroit. Cleveland 7, Detroit 4; batteries, Falkenberg and Clarke; Donovan, Willets, Works, Beckendorf and Schmidt.

At Philadelphia. Philadelphia 8, New York 6; batteries, Bender, Flygert, Thomas and Livingston; Warhop, Quinn and Sweeney.

**American League Standing.**

**Detroit** ..... Won. Lost. Pct.  
Philadelphia ..... 79 46 617  
Boston ..... 75 53 577  
Cleveland ..... 68 64 515  
Chicago ..... 66 63 512  
New York ..... 58 80 456  
St. Louis ..... 52 75 409  
Washington ..... 43 94 293

**Base Ball Notes.**  
The Remington ball team ran away with the Columbia A. C. team of Schenectady at Bennington Monday, trimming them to the tune of 13 to 0 in seven innings.

It seems to have been a pretty wise

## ALASKA ONCE TROPICAL

### Indications of This Found by Scientists

### FLORA IS DISCOVERED

In Coal Bed Formation—Two of the Large Glaciers Show Advance. Generally Speaking Others in Alaska Are Receding.

Cordova, Alaska, Sept. 9.—Prof. R. S. Tarr, the Cornell university geologist; Lawrence Martin of the university of Wisconsin, instructor Von Engen of Cornell, Professor Bean of the university of Wisconsin, and A. R. Campbell of the university of Washington are in Alaska studying glaciers, under the direction of the National Geological society, which has arranged for a series of annual expeditions, this being the first. Speaking of his investigations, Professor Tarr said:

"I visited Hidden glacier in 1906, and from measurements taken this year I find it has advanced two miles in three years. Generally speaking, glaciers in Alaska are receding. Some, however, fluctuate like the famous Swiss glaciers which change every thirty years, advancing and receding. The Columbia glacier has begun to advance again."

As a proof of the fact that Alaska was once a tropical country, Professor Tarr found Jamaica flora in coal bed formation. The party has been studying Malayana and other glaciers in the vicinity of Yakutat bay, as well as Chils and Miles glaciers, which empty into Copper river.

move on Jennings' part, that Delehanthy-Jones deal that Hughes pulled off when the Tigers were in second place.

The Tigers' chances for the pennant, the charge made against Cobb by a Cleveland man. Cobb's loss would injure the team severely in their western trip if the case should prove serious.

Cleveland's new catcher, Dolly Stark, of San Antonio, is said to be a wonder. He is 5 ft. 10 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, and can do a hundred yards in ten seconds flat.

There are four more playing days in the New England league, and the three leaders are neck and neck.

The supporters of the Red Sox are beginning to think some after the force of a game that was played with Washington Tuesday. The Spied Boys have got to take an awful brace.

The Giants refuse to release Mike Doolin and also refuse to pay him the salary he demands.

In Philadelphia they are already preparing the Athletics' souvenir program for the world's series. There is nothing like confidence.

The Rutland ball team lost the Sunday game at Glens Falls by a score of 5 to 4. On Labor day they split even with the Whitehall team at that place, losing the morning game 6 to 4 and winning the afternoon game by the score of 4 to 1.

The great majority of Vermont fans that are rooting for the Red Sox, are like to see Collins, the U. V. M. star, put in offense. He cannot do much worse than the others have been doing the past few days.

**A NEW RECORD.**  
Captain Cody Makes One For Cross Country Aeroplane Flight.

Aldershot, England, Sept. 9.—During a dead calm early yesterday Captain F. S. Cody, the American aviator, who has been in the service of the British army for a number of years, achieved what is believed to be the world's record for a cross-country flight in an aeroplane.

In the big and cumbersome machine which is his own invention, Captain Cody remained in the air for one hour and three minutes covering in that time a distance of over 40 miles. He crossed over the valleys that intersect the plain of Aldershot, passed over and around the barracks of the troops, and circled the spire of the village church. His machine was under perfect control and at times rose to an altitude of 400 feet. It traveled occasionally at the rate of 30 miles an hour.

Cody had to land because his fuel gave out. As he was descending, the machine struck the ground rather forcibly, but it was only slightly damaged.

**ROBERTSON WON RACE.**  
Average Speed of Nearly 54 Miles an Hour.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 9.—George Robertson with a Simplex won the national stock chassis race over the Merrimack Valley circuit yesterday. Robertson's time for the 318 miles was five hours, 52 minutes, 1 2/5 seconds.

**FROST DAMAGES MAINE CROPS.**  
Loss in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties is Considerable.

Foxcroft, Me., Sept. 9.—Frost last night caused heavy damage in Penobscot and Piscataquis counties. Corn and potatoes suffered especially and the loss to the farmers will be considerable.

**MADE IT A LIFE STUDY.**  
Dr. J. S. Leonhardt Found the Cause and Cure of Piles.

Dr. J. S. Leonhardt, the celebrated specialist of Lincoln, Neb., proved, after years of study, that the cause of piles is internal blood circulation. Then he perfected Hem-Roid, an internal remedy, and in 1,000 different cases it cured 98 per cent. By Dr. Leonhardt's order, Hem-Roid is sold under an iron-clad guarantee. If it fails, the money is paid back.

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### ASQUITH DODGES.

Says the Hyperborean Question Is Too Hypothetical.

London, Sept. 9.—Prime Minister Asquith replied in the House of Commons yesterday to Sir Gilbert Parker's question with regard to the ownership of land at the North Pole. The question was in two parts, the first asking if north polar land was considered as belonging to the Dominion of Canada, and the second whether the planting of the American flag there would give the United States any right of possession over the region. The prime minister said:

"I do not understand that there is any land at the North Pole. The second part of the question involves too much hypothetical matter for me to be able to give any definite answer." The reply was received with laughter. James F. Remnant, member for Finsbury, then asked whether if it should prove that land existed there, Mr. Asquith would tax it as undeveloped land. To this the prime minister made no reply.

### WATER VAPOR ON MARS.

Proofs Held By Scientists of Lick Observatory.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—According to a statement made by Professor W. W. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory, the recent astronomical expedition which has just returned from Mount Whitney brought back proof that water vapor exists on Mars. The scientists have in their possession, as the result of the picture which they took from the summit of the mountains, definite proof, they say, that the planet Mars is capable of supporting sentient beings.

Professor Campbell said: "We are now in a position to issue the strongest statement that has ever been given out as to the existence of water vapor on Mars."

**FARMERS' AND TRADERS' UNIONS.**  
Relations Discussed at Convention of Educational Union in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 9.—The necessity for the farmer to join the trades union movement was the keynote of all speeches made at the opening yesterday of the national convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, which was attended by two hundred delegates.

All the speakers opposed employment of women or children in cotton fields and mills. The most important subject of the convention will be an agreement upon a minimum price, which is to be accepted for cotton this season.

**BIG SHRINKAGE IN CORN CROP.**  
Government Figures Show a Falling off of 10 Points in Condition in August.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The great damage done to the corn crop during the month of August was shown yesterday by the department of agriculture in its monthly crop report which gives the conditions of corn on September 1 as 74.6 against 84.4 on August 1, 89.3 on July 1, 78.4 on September 1 last year and 80.5 on Sept. 1, 1907. This figure indicates a yield of 2,670,947,000 bushels of corn in comparison with 3,050,000,000 bushels in August and 2,668,631,000 bushels final last year.

The average condition of spring wheat when harvested was 88.6, against 91.6 on Aug. 1 last, 77.6 when harvested in 1908, and 77.1 in the previous year. The indicated yield of spring wheat is 281,382,000 bushels, compared with 290,578,000 bushels last month and 226,094,000 bushels at harvest last year.

The condition of oats when harvested was 88.8, against 84.5 on Aug. 1, 80.7 when harvested last year, and 65.5 in 1907. The yield of oats is estimated at 1,008,200,000 bushels, against 1,027,000,000 last month and 807,164,000 bushels at harvest in 1908.

When the government report was received on the Produce Exchange corn jumped 1 1/2 cents a bushel, while wheat was up 1/2 cent.

In this city September corn closed at 75 1/2, against 75 1/4 Tuesday night, and December at 69 1/2, against 67 1/4 Tuesday. In Chicago the September option closed 5 1/2 higher than 60 1/2 and December at 59 1/2, against 57 1/2 Tuesday night.

**TO CUT COST OF CARRYING MAIL.**  
Hitchcock Thinks Railroads Can Help Bear Burden of Postal Reduction.

Washington, Sept. 9.—One of the questions Postmaster General Hitchcock will tackle in his efforts to find out how to get rid of the heavy postal deficit, which he has told President Taft will exceed \$80,000,000 for the last fiscal year, is railroad mail pay. He will have an inquiry made into this for the purpose of finding if it cannot be reduced.

This is a question that has given Congress much trouble. Several years ago reductions were made after a bitter fight, in which powerful opposition from railroads was encountered. It is understood that Mr. Hitchcock thinks further reductions possible.

An early preliminary report from the commission that examined into the registry system is expected. It is learned that the special delivery system, in Mr. Hitchcock's opinion, can be overhauled

so as to help reduce the deficit. A big item which will be considered in Mr. Hitchcock's inquiry into how to put the system on a paying basis, is the second class mail privileges.

**TEST NEW PRIMARY LAW.**  
Cleveland Not Pleased with the Operation.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 9.—Complete returns from the 1907 election precincts in the city yesterday fully established Tuesday night's predictions that the opposing candidates for mayor this fall will be Tom L. Johnson, Democrat, who has held the office four consecutive terms, and Herman C. Baehr, Republican, who is serving his third term as county recorder.

Baehr was opposed by two other candidates, but had an easy victory. Mayor Johnson was opposed for the Democratic nomination by F. W. Waltz, a city councilman, and won by a vote of 15,039 to 1,317. In addition to easily winning his own nomination, Mayor Johnson carried to victory 30 out of his 32 councilmanic candidates.

It is not expected that an independent candidate will enter the fall campaign in which the street railway situation will be the bone of contention, as it has been during the last eight years.

Much dissatisfaction was expressed here yesterday over the first trial of the state-wide Bronson primary law. For the first time in the history of Ohio both parties held their primaries at the same time. The main objectionable feature was the fact that a voted upon entering the voting booth was required to announce publicly whether he chose to vote the Republican or the Democratic ticket. Thus he went on record for one party or the other, irrespective of the personnel of the candidates, and will be required to stand by his declarations for at least two years. It is said that an effort will be made to repeal the Bronson law at the next session of the state legislature, which convenes in January.

**PRINCE KUNI IN NEW YORK.**  
He Will Later Visit President Taft at Beverly.

New York, Sept. 9.—Prince Kuniyoshi Kuni, a cousin of the mikado, reached New York last night on the Camari liner Carmania, from Liverpool. With him came the Princess Kuni and her lady-in-waiting, Mme. Nagasaki whose husband is the grand master of ceremonies at the Japanese court, and Colonel Kuri, the prince's military aide-de-camp.

The federal government and the state of New York were represented in a delegation that went down the bay on a revenue cutter to meet the Carmania. Wallace Arthur McCathran was present as a representative of the state department, Commander Robert P. Forshey of the naval militia represented the state, while Captain S. N. Cheney, U. S. A., represented the war department. Captain Cheney will travel with the prince as a special aide-de-camp and will present the prince to President Taft at Beverly. The presentation at Beverly and the Hudson-Fulton celebrations are among the more important things on the programme mapped out for the Oriental visitor.

Prince Kuni speaks no English, but through an interpreter he spoke with enthusiasm of New York.

"I am bewildered," he said. "I have been in harbors in many parts of the world, but I know of few that can surpass this. The equal of your buildings in height I most certainly have never seen. To one who has spent most of his time in a country where low-lying structures are the rule the contrast is particularly striking."

Secret Service Agent Jarvis of the prince's bodyguard of President Taft was on the pier to meet the prince, having been sent down especially from Beverly to act as an escort. The prince and princess after landing went immediately to the Hotel Plaza, where a suite had been engaged for them.

**FLOOD DEAD NUMBER 3,000.**  
An Enormous Property Damage in Mexico.

Monterrey, Mexico, Sept. 9.—No train from Mexico City has arrived in Monterrey since early Monday and officials are unable to locate the trouble. That there has been a wreck was admitted by officials of the company, but they declare they have no further information. It was stated last night by an official of the national lines that trains would be running through from Tampico to Victoria on the Tampico branch, within forty-eight hours. This will put about half the line in service and will be the first train to go over the line since Aug. 20.

It is believed by the authorities that the total casualties from the floods will be not less than 3,000. President Brown of the National railways has returned to Mexico City from the flooded districts. He says the damage wrought is the worst in the history of the republic. One-third of the damaged section has not yet been heard from. The monetary loss to the railroads is already placed at \$2,000,000 and this figure may be doubled when reports are received from sections of the Matamoros and Tampico lines. According to official reports the death list in Monterrey and vicinity reached a total of 1,500, but a number of towns in the states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas have not yet reported.

Word has been received here that the destruction of Soto la Marina in the state of Tamaulipas, was so complete that the whole place has completely disappeared with the exception of a few church towers that project from the surface of a veritable sea. No one has been able to get closer than a league from where the town once stood.

**TAFT'S BROTHERS-IN-LAW LOSE.**  
Two Who Are Candidates For Office in Cincinnati Are Defeated.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 9.—Dr. Louis Schank won the Republican nomination for mayor of Cincinnati in the primaries election yesterday without opposition. John W. Peck, a lawyer, is leading on the Democratic ticket.

Albert C. Mulhauser was nominated for vice mayor in the Democratic primary, defeating William C. Heron, brother-in-law of President Taft, by about 1,200 votes. John W. Heron, Jr., also a brother-in-law of President Taft, and candidate for fusion nomination for a seat in the city council, was also defeated.

**GOMPERS ON STRIKES.**  
He Gives His Views on Trades Union Congress.

London, Sept. 9.—Samuel Gompers delivered an address at yesterday's session of the trades union congress in Liverpool in the course of which he declared that the trades union movement was composed of elements of the greatest conservative statesmanship the world had ever seen. He said that, while in every country they ought to do their level best to avoid or evade strikes, yet the right to strike and the power to strike constituted a great economic and industrial power which it was their duty to keep.

## TAFT SEES BALLINGER

### Their Final Conference on Pinchot Charges Held

### YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Secretary Then Starts West—Final Selections to Fill Census Supervisorships Were Looked for Yesterday.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 9.—President Taft had his third and final conference yesterday afternoon, with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, regarding not only the charges made against the department by Gifford Pinchot, but also the results of the secretary's investigations into departmental matters on his recent western trip.

The certainty that Ballinger has the administration's support, and that Pinchot is on the wrong side of the fence, is merely strengthened in well informed circles here. Tuesday night the second conference between Mr. Taft and the secretary and Oscar Lawler—assistant attorney general for the department—lasted two hours. Mr. Ballinger seems to be confident that he is the winner in the fight, although he refuses to make any statement about it.

On good authority it is said that the conferences have as one of their principal objects the formulating of ways and means to dispose of the Pinchot